

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 1, 7 and 9. Please amend Claims 3 and 8. Please add new Claims 10-13. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

**Claim Listing**

1. – 2. (Cancelled).
3. (Currently Amended) The billiard cue of claim ~~2~~10 wherein the fibers are carbon fibers disposed in an epoxy resin binder.
4. – 7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) The billiard cue of claim ~~2~~10 further comprising:  
a lightweight, non-structural material disposed in at least a portion of the bore.
9. (Cancelled).
10. (New) A billiard cue, comprising:  
a shaft having a tip end and an opposed end, the shaft formed of wood and a composite material including fibers disposed in a binder, the composite material forming a cylindrical wall defining a bore, the bore extending from the tip end of the shaft towards the opposed end of the shaft, the cylindrical wall having a wall thickness of less than 0.050 inches along the length of the bore.
11. (New) The billiard cue of claim 1, wherein the bore is substantially hollow over its entire length.
12. (New) The billiard cue of claim 1, wherein the cylindrical wall of composite material has an outer coating of a wood material.

13. (New) The billiard cue of claim 12, wherein the wood material is adhesively joined to the composite material.